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| Richard H. Warren |)) Group Art Unit: 2685 |
| Application No.: 09/216,036 |)) Examiner: N. Mehrpour |
| Appeal No.: 2002-1989 |)) |
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| For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PREVENTING SUN TRANSIT OUTAGES IN POINT-TO-MULTIPOINT SATELLITE SYSTEMS | RECEIVED FEB 2 1 2003 Technology Center 2600 |

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, but after processing of the enclosed Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-2, without prejudice or disclaimer.

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